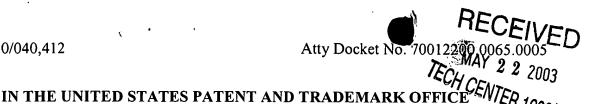
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Application of:

RICHARDS, RANDALL) Group Art Unit No. 1616

Serial No.: 10/040,412) Neil S. Levy, Examiner

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Title: CLEAR, POLYMERIC GEL COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following election of claims:

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group I corresponding to claims 1-8, 12-14, and 16 drawn to a gel and hereby cancels Group II (corresponding to Claim 9), Group III (corresponding to Claims 10, 11, and 15), and Group IV (corresponding to Claims 17-34), as being directed to a nonelected invention with the proviso that these claims may be prosecuted in subsequent divisional applications. Nonetheless, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider including Claims 9, 10, 11, and 15 in Group I, as these claims are all dependent from Group I claims.